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In re Application of
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Application No. 09/785,340
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: DECISION GRANTING
: PETITION
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.10(c), filed February 6, 2003, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of February 16, 2001, rather than the presently accorded filing date of February 20, 2001. The application file was recently forwarded to the Office of Petitions for a decision on the present petition. The Office sincerely apologizes for any inconvenience.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on February 16, 2001. In support of the allegation, the petition is accompanied by a copy of Express Mail label No. EL761852880US. The "date-in" indicated on the Express Mail label is February 16, 2001. The same Express Mail label number was placed on the original application papers located in the official file.

In view of the above, the petition is granted. No petition fee is necessary.

This application file will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for correction of the filing date to February 16, 2001, and the mailing of a corrected filing receipt.

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